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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 11/7/14

Complaint Number:

Type of Incident: Homicide

Narrative:

Friday, November 7, 2014, at about 1:30 a.m., the Kent County Sheriff Department Dispatch Center received a call from a citizen saying there was a house fire at 83 Jonquil Avenue, SW, Byron Township.

Deputies arrived, opened the door and were unable to enter the home due to the fire and smoke.

The fire department arrived, put out the fire and entered the residence locating a subject in a chair deceased. The scene was secured and Sheriff Deputies notified.

An autopsy was completed this morning and the cause of death is determined to be homicide – stab wound to the neck. The subject was deceased prior to the fire being set.

Victim: Richard Lee Priebe, age 50, was a resident at that address.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-336-3113 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

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